

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Jeff Essmann, on January 30, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 116, 1/25/2017; HB 232, 1/25/2017; HB 274, 1/25/2017
Executive Action: HB 232

00:01:01 Rep. Price joined the meeting

HEARING ON HB 232

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:16 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 232, Revise laws for dual enrollment at community colleges.

00:02:25 Rep. Curtis joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:15 Ed Bartlett, Montana Community Collages

00:05:45 Web Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce (COM)

00:06:31 Mark Baker, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

00:07:17 Kevin McRae, Montana University System

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(edh21a01)

00:08:03 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(edh21a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:36 Rep. Holmlund

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 232

00:11:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 232 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Berglee and Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy.

00:12:55 Recessed

00:14:33 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 274

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:53 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 274, Allow ANB funding for students with disabilities up to age 22.

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(edh21a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:03 Robert Kirwan, Self

00:28:07 Michael Beers, Summit ILC

00:31:36 Walker Asserson, Self

00:34:31 Keith Gilyard, Self

00:35:43 Meredith Scully, Self
 00:39:38 Megan Stout, Self
 00:42:06 Aaron Mugaas, Self
 00:44:35 Amber Miller, Self
 00:46:57 Julie Merritt, Self
 00:48:57 Jessica Reynolds, Montana Speech Language Hearing Association (MSHA)
 00:51:50 Jean Belangie-Nye, Self
 00:54:42 Erin Butts, Self
 00:55:28 Kat Patterson, Self
 00:55:49 Rep. B. Bennett joined the meeting
 00:58:27 Shelly Dowdle, Self
 01:01:43 Shannon Koenig, Self
 01:04:32 Rep. Berglee joined the meeting
 01:06:04 Jim Benish, Self
 01:09:03 Diana Tavary, Self

EXHIBIT(edh21a04)

01:11:39 Tal Goldin, Disability Rights Montana

EXHIBIT(edh21a05)

01:15:17 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
 01:19:46 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
 01:20:16 Beth Brennamen, Disability Rights Montana

EXHIBIT(edh21a06)

01:22:14 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

01:25:46 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:26:19 Rep. Beard
 01:26:54 Rep. Kelker
 01:27:26 Rep. Beard
 01:27:47 Rep. Kelker
 01:28:40 Rep. Berglee resumed the Chair
 01:28:42 Rep. Vinton
 01:29:31 Rep. Kelker
 01:30:45 Rep. Vinton
 01:31:17 Lance Melton, MSBA
 01:34:42 Rep. Beard
 01:35:42 Rep. Kelker
 01:37:09 Rep. Staffanson
 01:37:35 Lance Melton, MSBA
 01:39:10 Rep. Staffanson
 01:39:20 Lance Melton, MSBA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:40:24 Rep. Kelker

01:43:50 Recessed

01:51:15 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 116

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:51:48 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 116, Increase funding for gifted and talented education.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:59:45 Jean Belangie-Nye, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh21a07\)](#)

02:06:10 Katelin Ellig, Bozeman School District

02:07:24 Joe Helbling, Self

02:10:37 Tamara Fisher, Polson Schools

02:15:11 Tracy Missett, Self

02:18:11 Margaret Bentwood, Self

02:22:18 Caroline Lonski, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh21a08\)](#)

02:24:31 Julie Merritt, Self

02:25:49 Andrea Barrow, Self

02:28:32 Elizabeth Williamson, Self

02:29:45 Sarah Schwerin, Self

02:31:16 Gordon Grissom, Bozeman Public Schools

[EXHIBIT\(edh21a09\)](#)

02:31:37 Jeff Riger, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh21a10\)](#)

02:32:01 Dusti Borsheim, Self

02:32:34 Mark Rosolowsky, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh21a11\)](#)

02:32:57 Michael Beers, Summit ILC

02:33:21 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:33:58 Rep. Essmann

02:34:22 Dusti Borsheim, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

02:39:08 Rep. Kelker

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:40:30

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh21aad.pdf](#))